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SUBJECT: DOCUMENTATION FOR ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EAST BERLIN

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1. BRITISH MISSION IN BERLIN HAS INFORMED US OF RESULTS OF BRITISH EMBASSY EAST BERLIN APPROACH TO GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY ON EAST- WEST BERLIN CROSSING PROCEDURES FOR UK EMBASSY STAFF (REFTEL):

A) THERE WAS NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT HOLDERS OF BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT (BMG) IDENTITY CARDS TRAVELLING AS PASSENGERS IN EMBASSY CARS WITH CD PLATES, OR HOLDERS OF EAST GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE IDENTITY CARDS TRAVELLING IN BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT CARS.

B) HOLDERS OF GDR SERVICE IDENTITY CARDS, ALTHOUGH REQUIRED TO SHOW PASSPORTS AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, WOULD NOT
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HAVE THESE STAMPED.

C) HOLDERS OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS ISSUED IN BERLIN WOULD NOT HAVE THESE STAMPED SINCE PLACE OF ISSUE WAS

SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE HOLDER HAD ENTERED THE GDR.

D) IDENTITY CARDS COULD NOT BE ISSUED TO EMBASSY STAFF NOT RESIDENT IN EAST BERLIN. FURTHER THOUGHT WOULD BE GIVEN ON EAST GERMAN SIDE TO DOCUMENTATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT WEST BERLIN- ENGAGED BRITISH DRIVERS TO MOVE FREELY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN.

E) FURTHER THOUGHT WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING VISITORS UNDER EMBASSY AUSPICES TO PASS THROUGH CHECKPOINT CHARLIE WITHOUT HAVING THEIR PASSPORTS STAMPED.

F) WHERE THE POSITION WAS STILL UNCLEAR (PARAS D AND E ABOVE) EAST GERMANS SUGGESTED BRITISH SHOULD CONTINUE PRESENT PRACTICE (I. E., USE OF BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS).

2. BRITISH ALSO REPORTED THAT IN VIEW OF ASSURANCE THAT SERVICE PASSPORTS WOULD NOT BE STAMPED, NON- DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN EMBASSY ARE NOW USING EAST GERMAN DOCUMENTATION AT CHECK- POINT CHARLIE RATHER THAN BMG CARDS. GDR PRACTICE, ACCORDING TO BRITISH, IS BIT ERRATIC. NON- DIPLOMATS ARE NOT ALWAYS ASKED TO PRODUCE PASSPORTS. ON ONE OCCASION, HOWEVER, OVER- ZEALOUS GUARD PUT IN FRIEDRICHSTRASSE EXIT STAMP. BRITISH TOOK MATTER UP IMMEDIATELY WITH GDR FONOFF OFFICIAL, WHO WAS DISTRESSED BY INCIDENT AND ARRANGED ON SPOT FOR OLD VISA AND OFFENDING STAMP TO BE CANCELLED AND NEW VISA ISSUED. KLEIN

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